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School Fund, could have been present Sunday, they would have realized how deeply their French sisters appreciate having such a wonderful memorial entrusted to their keeping, and how determined they are that the high ideals of the Florence Nightingale School shall become those of the entire nursing profession of France.

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GOOD COUNSEL

Dear Editor: I am sending some extracts from our president's address, read at our annual meeting, as I feel it is too valuable not to be more widely read.

H. G.

"The present time is apparently one of general unrest. Nothing seems stationary. Ideas and ideals seem to be changing. We must expect changes for the march of progress demands it. However, there are some things about which we should think very carefully before any change is made. If we put our ears close to the ground we hear rumblings and there seem to be rumblings in the nursing profession. We know that the eight-hour day for student nurses is in operation in many places, but I do not know of any state, county or city where the superintendent of a nurses' training school, the private duty nurse, the public health nurse, or the institutional worker, can stop their work when the clock tells them that they have worked eight hours. Nor do I believe that we shall ever be able to do this, for unlike the trade and industrial groups, where the individual worker is helped by what is done for the group, the medical and nursing professions, while dealing with groups, must always deal with the individual for the benefit of all. We are too prone to compare the work of the nurse who is dealing always with that most precious thing, human life, with the work of other groups of women who deal only with inanimate objects. So the relation of the nurse, as I see it, will always be more or less of an individual one, and for this reason I cannot see how we are going to continue our ideals in the nursing profession if we find our work limited by arbitrary time limits. The unity of nurses as a profession is another topic that comes to mind. It has seemed to me of late, that the nursing profession is almost in danger of being disintegrated by the branches of the profession. Many people who are more interested in public health nursing than in other branches of the profession feel that public health nursing is the profession. Those interested in hospital work perhaps have felt that their particular line was the nursing profession. Those doing private duty nursing have felt that theirs was the most important, and so on. No matter what particular branch of nursing we undertake, we are first and foremost and always nurses. In order to further any particular branch of nursing, the whole nursing profession must be back of it if it is to be successful. It matters not what we may achieve be it in private duty, public health or hospital work, whether it be in the army, the navy or the public health service, in the final analysis our achievements will be recorded not in terms of specialties but in terms of nurses. It matters not what may be our specialty, the nursing profession is a work for the benefit of mankind and to further the interests of our profession for the benefit of mankind is our only reason for existence."

STUDENT NURSES HELPING TO OVERCOME SHORTAGE OF APPLICANTS

Dear Editor: Nurses everywhere are confronted daily with an attempt on the part of those who have lower ideals, to shorten the course in our training